

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 21, 30 and 36 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus for forming an image on a recording medium [by discharging] comprising a plurality of ink discharge means and a plurality of ink discharge openings, wherein a plurality of inks is discharged from [a] the plurality of ink discharge openings by driving the ink discharge means, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color;

E! said plural ink discharge [means] openings corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

14. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording method for forming an image on a recording medium [by] comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of inks, each having a penetrability, a dye density and a color;

providing a recording medium;

providing a plurality of ink discharge openings and a plurality of ink discharge means;

discharging [a] onto the recording medium the plurality of inks from [a] the plurality of ink discharge openings by driving the ink discharge means[, each ink having a penetrability, a dye density and a color];

said [plural] plurality of ink discharge [means] openings corresponding to a plurality of inks with different dye densities, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other, and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density; and

forming an image on the recording medium.

21. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a recording head equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means, [which discharge ink, and

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forming an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through] and a plurality of discharge ports [of said recording head], wherein the plural discharge ports of said recording head are comprised of a plurality of discharge port trains corresponding to a plurality of inks, wherein the plurality of inks is discharged onto a recording medium to form an image, each of the plurality of inks having a penetrability, a color and a different dye density, wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

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30. (Three Times Amended) An ink-jet recording apparatus, comprising a plurality of recording heads equipped with a plurality of ink discharge means[, which discharge ink through discharge ports, and form an image on a recording medium by discharging the ink through] and a plurality of discharge ports [of said recording heads], wherein said plural recording heads correspond to a plurality of inks, each ink having a penetrability, a color and a different dye density, wherein the plurality of inks is discharged onto a recording medium to form an image, and wherein the penetrabilities of inks having different dye densities and

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[similar] same colors are different from each other and ink having low dye density among [a] the plurality of inks of different dye densities and [similar] same colors [is ink having] has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

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36. (Twice Amended) A recorded article [formed by discharged inks adhering to a recording medium,] comprising a recording medium and a plurality of inks adhering thereto, each of said plurality of inks having a dye density, a color and a penetrability with respect to the recording medium, wherein, of said plurality of inks, [wherein] inks having different dye densities and [similar] same colors [are inks having] have different penetrabilities from each other and ink having low dye density has more penetrability with respect to the recording medium than ink having high dye density.

#### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully sought.

Claims 1 through 62 are pending, with Claims 1, 14, 21, 30, 36, 37, 53 and 61 being independent.